



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Parish Priest: **FR JOHN WILEY**

Parish Administrator / Safeguarding Representative: Mrs Ursula Bartlett

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

### **FORTHCOMING MASSES**

#### **BOOKING REQUIRED**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May – 6pm**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – 10am**

#### **This week's Mass Intentions**

**24<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm**

*Tess McNaney RIP  
(Int of Kathy Keating)*

**25<sup>th</sup> April at 10am**

*People of the parish*

#### **LIVE-STREAMED MASSES**

Masses and other liturgies can be located on-line.

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales website:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/online-mass-directory/>

#### **Our Lady Help of Christians:**

[www.churchservices.tv/rickmansworth](http://www.churchservices.tv/rickmansworth)

#### **DIAL-A-MASS - 01642 130120**

(local rate call)

St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough.

### **HOW TO BOOK MASS**

**Applications between 9am Mon & 6pm Weds each week please:**

[croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk)

(heading: MASS BOOKING)

or phone **01923 445163**

We need to know:

**Which Mass?**

**Number of people?**

**Social bubble information?** *We will always confirm your booking.*

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021**

We now have 14 children in the parish who have started their preparation for First Holy Communion. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

### **SAFEGUARDING**

Many thanks to the volunteers who have agreed to support the Catechetics Team, and are applying for DBS certificates.

**Ursula (Parish S/Guarding Rep)**

### **MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN**

**We congratulate Lawrence & Shirley Fanning, who were married last Saturday, and are delighted to pass on their thanks to everyone who ensured their wedding could be celebrated within the current restrictions. Our good wishes also to the children who were formally enrolled as candidates for First Confession & Communion last Sunday, and to their parents. We are grateful to everyone involved in their preparation for these sacraments.**

The brief extract from the first letter of St John that forms our second reading today is a passage that is often read at funerals. It sums up what we know about the life that awaits us after death. We recognise God's love for us, and believe that a glorious future with God awaits us, but we accept that the precise nature of this future is still to be revealed. Meanwhile, we must continue to 'walk in the way' of Jesus, and keep his commandments.

### **PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND**

**'The Priest is an ordinary man called to an extraordinary ministry'**

Please give generously to this week's special collection. There are envelopes available in church, but you can also donate via: [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

Remember to Gift Aid your donation if you are a UK taxpayer, at no extra cost to you.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**  
**You could make a difference in our local community.**

If you are willing to join a parish SVP group please get in touch. Further information available from [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk)

**Tel: Siobhàn – 07929 490090**

**or Ursula – 01923 445163**

### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

Many thanks to all who have responded to our letter regarding Planned Giving envelopes. We will order new sets of envelopes for those who have indicated they wish to continue to donate by this method.

We are extremely grateful to all who regularly support the parish finances, by donating via bank standing orders, and in other ways. **A huge 'thank you' to you all!**

### **RECLAIM OUR COMMON HOME**

This year the eyes of the world will be on Britain as we host world leaders for the UN COP26 climate talks. Pope Francis has already said clearly that "Climate change is a global problem with serious implications. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day".

A campaign by CAFOD and others is to 'reclaim our Common Home', by petitioning the Prime Minister and by making sure our MP is fully aware of our concerns.

**The petition can be signed using cards (now available in church) for this purpose, as well as through the CAFOD website.**

We will also be hoping to meet Gagan Mohindra in a 'community meeting'.

**Further details available from**

**Fabian Hiscock at:**

**[fhiscock@cafod.org.uk](mailto:fhiscock@cafod.org.uk)**

### **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2021**

**9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May - CAN YOU HELP?**

The pandemic has meant that Christian Aid Week this year will face difficulties in raising funds for vitally important development projects. But there is still much we can do. **Would you be willing to deliver envelopes in your own or a nearby street?** No knocking on doors involved. If this is something you could do during Christian Aid Week please email Niamh:

**[murtagh.n@googlemail.com](mailto:murtagh.n@googlemail.com)**

to let her know your preferred road.

### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION – a prayer for all who are unable to receive Holy Communion in person**

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.*

### **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK SALE OF BEDDING PLANTS**

It will not be possible to run a stall this year, but you can still order bedding plants, and collect these by appointment, from the Methodist Church from Tues 11<sup>th</sup> to Fri 14<sup>th</sup> May. Delivery also available, for a small donation. To place an order, or find out more please contact **Eleri Davies**  
**01923 236965 / 07903 240633**  
**eleridavies99@hotmail.com**

### **CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS)**

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies provides parish leaders with knowledge and understanding of theology and the Catholic faith.

You can learn the course in person, by distance learning or online - details below:

Centres (in person learning)

<http://brs-ccrs.org.uk/index.php/course-centres>

Life-Light Home Study Courses (distance learning)

[info@studylifelight.com](mailto:info@studylifelight.com)

01844 351 514

CCRS Online (online learning)

[ccrsonline@hope.ac.uk](mailto:ccrsonline@hope.ac.uk)

0151 291 3055

**For more information visit**  
**[brs-ccrs.org.uk](http://brs-ccrs.org.uk)**

### **ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL – VACANCY**

#### **Assistant Finance Officer**

Term-time plus 4 weeks, starting May 2021.

#### **Closing date for applications:**

**12noon – Tues 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

Full details and application pack

available from Viki Baker,

Headteacher's PA, on

**01923 673760 or**

**baker.v@stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk**

### **YEAR OF ST JOSEPH**

**8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 to 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021**

Declared by Pope Francis, in his apostolic letter 'Patris Corde', on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

<https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/news/st-joseph/>

#### **Novena Prayer to St Joseph from the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis, 'Patris Corde' (With a Father's Heart)**

Hail, guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage and defend us from every evil. Amen

### **HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

#### **Watford General Hospital**

The Chaplaincy at Watford General Hospital are preparing to run a six-session chaplaincy volunteer taster training course. This could give you the opportunity to see if you might be suited to become a local Hospital Chaplaincy Volunteer Visitor. The training sessions are also designed to assist in providing holistic spiritual care ideas for individuals experiencing various health challenges in the community and the hospital. The taster sessions will take place on **Tuesday evenings via Zoom, 7.30 to 8.30pm – commencing Tuesday 11th May 2021.**

To register your interest please **contact Rev Anthony Curran**  
**[anthony.curran@nhs.net](mailto:anthony.curran@nhs.net)**